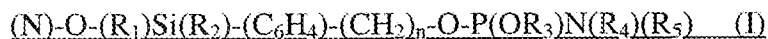


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 3-10, of the Specification to read as follows:

The present invention relates to a 3'-end nucleoside unit comprising phosphoramidite that is a compound represented by the following formula:



wherein (N) represents any nucleoside or its derivative, each of R₁, R₂, R₄ and R₅ ~~R₁, R₂, R₄ and R₅~~ is an alkyl or aryl group, ~~[[R₃]]~~ R₃ is a phosphate-protecting group, and n is an integer of from 1 to 5.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 12, of the Specification to read as follows:

FIG. 1 shows [a] HPLC charts showing detection of two different DNA oligomers prepared by methods of the present invention using [[in]] an anion-exchange column. Fig. 1A shows the retention time in minutes for the DNA oligomer d[TTTTTTTTTTT] and Fig. 1B shows the retention time in minutes for the DNA oligomer d[TTTTTTTTTTTA] using the same HPLC conditions ~~HPLC of DNA oligomer.~~